

## Central Valley Fish Facilities Review Team Meeting Notes

January 6, 1999

9:00 to 12:00

Persons present: Dan Odenweller (DFG), Bill O'Leary (USBR), George Heise (DFG), Charles Liston (USBR), John Andrew (DWR), Ted Frink (DWR), Ron Bachman (USFWS), Larry Puckett (USFWS), Kevan Urquhart (DFG), Marianne Hallet (NRCS), and Bob Fujimura (DFG)

Chairperson Dan Odenweller introduced the goal and objectives of this group; to provide a vehicle for communication and inter- and intra-agency coordination on fish passage and screening projects. Dan mentioned that the group would likely be more involved with reviewing new project proposals and may help enhance intra-agency coordination. Dan also handed out the organization chart of the IEP management and technical work teams.

John Andrew and Ted Frink talked about DWR's intention to update the Fish Screen Project Status Report that Darryl Hayes prepared in previous years. The last report was prepared in 1995 and Darryl experienced some difficulty getting timely information from some project proponents. The original target audience of this information was the top-level agency managers, although they hope to provide this information to a wider group by putting it on the Web. There seemed to be general support to help DWR obtain the information to update their database. It was suggested that 1) DWR should provide a generic form or example of the information that they need, 2) include a bibliography, 3) add a contact person, 4) links to detailed reports or files, and 5) they coordinate their effort with NMFS and USBR databases. Concerns about the scope of the online information, the technical hardware to support the information, and whether GIS information should be included were discussed.

Dan briefly mentioned that the NMFS also intends to maintain their agency's project database on tracking progress and costs of fish screen projects. Steve Thomas is the person currently responsible for this database. There was no NMFS representative to provide more specific information on this database.

Ted provided information on the formation of an IEP PWT for mitten crab studies. There was some concern about whether this PWT should deal with fish facility related studies. After some discussion, there was group support that a separate mitten crab PWT for fish facilities issues be formed under the Fish Facilities Coordination structure. Coordination between the two PWTs would be addressed by having a representative from each team sitting on the other's meeting. The key agencies will identify likely representatives to form this new PWT. Charles Liston presented USBR/DFG research plans and proposal for mitten crab removal and biology.

Dan discussed his proposal to have the West Coast Fish Screen Workshop hosted in

northern California in the Fall of 1999. The team would sponsor and host this annual workshop. The target audience of this workshop are screen shop personnel and fish protection engineers. Current plans are to have the workshop in Red Bluff sometime in late September or early October. There was support to sponsor this workshop. Dan will coordinate planning of the workshop and requested assistance from the team. Kevan Urquhart offered to organize a tour of Delta fish screens and protective facilities.

The team also discussed and supported having the USFWS Fish Passage class offered again in California. The group thought that there might enough interest to fill another class. There was interest having more East Coast fish passage information (e.g., fish lifts or locks for striped bass, shad, sturgeon) included in the course. Spring of 1999 was the recommended season to hold the course. John (?) will approach Alan Temple about encourage him to schedule the course.

John passed out for team review DWR's Northern California Offspring Storage Project Memo Progress Report on pre-feasibility concepts and fish facilities. Fish screen conceptual designs, alternative diversion site options, and preliminary cost estimates are presented. January 22 is the deadline for peer review comments.

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